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SUBJECT: BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. FRG FONOFF REP TOLD US, UK AND FRENCH REPS MARCH 12 OF THE OUTCOME OF THE DELIVERY OF THE LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY TO BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT RENGGER CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PRESIDUM MEETING IN WEST BERLIN (REFTEL). THE LETTER WAS HAND-DELIVERED MARCH 1.

2. WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS, FRAU RENGGER CALLED THE CHANCELLERY AND ASKED IF IT MEANT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. AT THIS POINT, THE CHANCELLERY (IN THE PERSON OF STATE SECRETARY GRABERT) WENT BEYOND THE ORAL LINE PER PARA 2 TEXT B (CONTAINED BONN 3L62) AND IN EFFECT SPOKE ON BASIS PARA 2 TEXT A (SAME REFTEL). US REP POINTED OUT EMPHATICALLY THAT THIS ORAL EXPLANATION WENT BEYOND WHAT US SIDE HAD EXPRESSED
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READINESS TO ACCEPT (SEE STATE 39402). FRG FONOFF REP

EXPRESSED REGRETS BUT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FRAU RENGER HAD PRESSED HARD FOR A CLEAR YEA OR NAY AND THAT GRABERT HAD FELT OBLIGED TO MAKE KNOWN THE ALLIED RESERVATIONS ABOUT AN EARLY MEETING IN BERLIN. US REP SAID HE CONSIDERED GRABERT'S RESPONSE AS NOT HAVING BEEN QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED BUT CONCEDED THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH THAT COULD BE DONE AT THIS LATE DATE. FRG AND OTHER ALLIED REPS STRESSED THAT THERE APPEARED LITTLE REASON FOR US CONCERN ABOUT A PUBLIC LEAK OF THE ALLIED POSITION: TEN DAYS AND MORE HAD PASSED SINCE THE GRABERT LETTER AND ORAL EXPLANATION AND NOTHING HAD AS YET APPEARED IN PRINT.

3. COMMENT. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE ISSUE HAS BEEN KEPT OUT OF THE MEDIA, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT THIS WILL LAST. FRAU RENGER TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND RECENTLY THAT SHE CONTINUES UNDER HEAVY OPPOSITION PRESSURE CONCERNING A BERLIN PRESIDUM MEETING.
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